

Hedwig Streets. The beautiful stained glass, statues, murals, and facade are a tribute to the history of the church as well as southwest Detroit. Saint Hedwig continues to serve people outside the congregation by maintaining a food pantry for low-income families and homeless members of the community. The church also holds special events throughout the year such as a giving tree at Christmas and baby showers for expectant mothers with low incomes.

The church has survived the effects of the Great Depression, disease, and urban sprawl because of the faith and dedication of its members. The service provided by the members of Saint Hedwig has been invaluable to the Detroit community and is worthy of recognition. I know my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Saint Hedwig Catholic Church and wish its members continued luck as they celebrate their 100th anniversary.●

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER FOR DISABILITIES CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, it is with great honor that I rise today to congratulate the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Disabilities in Vermillion, SD, which will hold its 30th anniversary celebration on Wednesday, July 30, 2003.

Started in September 1973, as the Developmental Disabilities Evaluation Center, the Center for Disabilities has a long and distinguished history of providing training, service, information, and research not only to South Dakota, but to the entire region. My wife Barbara served on the DDEC staff during those initial years. Thirty years later, the school continues to serve those needs of South Dakota through current projects, such as the Autism and Related Disorders Program, Birth to 3 Connections, Cheyenne River Reservation Rural Health Outreach Project, Deaf-Blind Program, Dietetic Internship, and the Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center. The Center for Disabilities is also working with other States to provide service in projects such as the Four-State Consortium on Studies in the Prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effect and the Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center.

Over the last 30 years, the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Disabilities has provided quality services to the people of South Dakota. Their goal, which is to "work with others to create opportunities that improve the lives of persons with disabilities and those they consider their families," has been demonstrated through the citizens with whom they have worked. Those ideals have also been carried out by the students who have graduated and gone on to excel in their careers.

Not only has this center encouraged learning and research, but the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Disabilities also strives to bring together communities. Indeed, one of the core functions of the center is community education. The Center works to provide training and assistance, not only to individuals with disabilities and their families, but also to professionals, paraprofessionals, policymakers, students, and any member of the community who chooses to get involved.

I want to acknowledge Executive Director Judy Struck, Director of Research Amy Elliott, Director of Services and Supports Matthew Hocks, Director of Community Education and Population Studies Roland Loudenburg, Director of Information and Resources Heather Stettinichs, and Director of Academic Training Joanne Wounded Head for the guidance and support they provide to the Center and all who work with it. I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize the project and program staff at the Center: Missy Bailey, Mark Boyd, Stephanie Brown, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sherry Lafferty, Teresa Nold, Ellisa Nyberg, Susan Parr, Mary Mikkelsen Peterson, Cheryl Raysby-Park, Dennis Stevens, Brittany Schmidt, Tracy Stephens, Kimberly Butler, Pam Anderson, Gregg Drube, Rolad Ellis, and Dan Korves. Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work of support staff members: Jaime Larson, Kristen Blaschke, Jennifer Gasparis, Paula Koller, LaVita Logue, Misty Miller, Jeanette Smolik, Elizabeth Fox, and Alana Richards.

I am proud to have this opportunity to honor the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Disabilities for its 30 years of outstanding service. It is an honor for me to share with my colleagues the exemplary leadership and strong commitment to education and research the University of South Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Center for Disabilities has provided. I strongly commend their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that their substantial efforts are being publicly honored and celebrated.●

THE PASSING OF EDUCATOR EUGENE GILMER

● Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I rise to extend condolences to the family and friends of the late Eugene Gilmer. Although many of you did not know Mr. Gilmer personally, he was a long-standing member of the Detroit education and political community, and his life touched many.

Eugene Gilmer's distinguished career started overseas, where he served as a member of the United States Army during World War II, part of which was in Okinawa. Following the war, he earned a Bachelor's degree in political

science from Xavier University of Louisiana. He then moved to Detroit where he earned a Master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

After earning his Master's degree, he gained his first job as a teacher at Sampson Elementary School where, 6 years later, he was promoted to the position of assistant principal. He later became principal of Fitzgerald Elementary School, where he is credited for making significant strides in improving the educational quality of that formerly troubled school. He went on to become superintendent of personnel for the Detroit Public Schools. When he retired from that position in 1985, he concluded his tenure of 35 years in the Detroit education system.

In his spare time, Eugene Gilmer served as the first African-American chairman of the Fisher Branch YMCA, and he was active in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Alliance of Black School Educators, the Palmer Park Police Community Relations Committee and Kappa Alpha Psi, his social fraternity. He became known in the Detroit community for his involvement with the development of the International Afro-American Museum, a precursor to the current Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History. He served as chairman of the board of directors of the museum when it was dedicated in 1993.

Eugene Gilmer provided lasting contributions to the City of Detroit, and his death will be mourned. I invite my Senate colleagues to join me in remembering the life of this commendable citizen.●

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHESTERFIELD SMITH OF MIAMI, FLORIDA

● Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to express sadness at the passing of a legendary Floridian. Yesterday evening, Chesterfield Smith, one of the Nation's great attorneys, passed away in Coral Gables.

Recognized by many as the conscience of the legal profession, Chesterfield's accomplishments are almost too numerous to count. A World War II veteran, founder of one of the country's most prestigious law firms and an accomplished litigator, he dedicated himself to his family and his country.

He is probably best known on the national scene for his tenure as president of the American Bar Association during the Watergate scandal. Following the dismissal of special prosecutor Archibald Cox, Chesterfield courageously stood up to the President of the United States, publicly calling on Congress to reestablish the Office of Special Prosecutor.

Smith's brave and bold reminder that the "No man is above the law" altered the course of public debate during that difficult time.

That bravery carried over to his private practice as well. Chesterfield believed in individual accomplishment